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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 4 September 1956

FROM : Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for August 1956

1. AccomplishmentsA. Projects Submitted

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██████████ worked on the Communist China NIE, Project 10.805, which was completed as the month came to a close. ██████████ 25X1A9a continued to explore that terra incognita, the domestic trade of Communist China. Research in domestic trade was required for Project 10.805, as well as for the branch's forthcoming contribution to Chapter 65 of the China NIS, the chapter on foreign and domestic trade (this NIS contribution is booked as Project 40.1078). Mr.

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██████████ wrote a CSM on the reduction of the costs of constructing cotton textile mills in Communist China; the article should be published this week. ██████████ reviewed the situation in light 25X1A9a industry in Communist China at a meeting of the "China Committee" of D/S.

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██████████ completed a study on the domestic trade of Bulgaria (Project 10.1027). ██████████ 25X1A9a are about to complete their part of Project 10.1027 which is concerned with the light industry of Bulgaria.

2. Training

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██████████, a CI neophyte, left today for the IO course.

25X1A9a ██████████ have enrolled for the intermediate reading course in Russian. This will start in October.

3. Trips

None.

4. Administration

All the personnel have been on leave for varying periods during the past four weeks. A vacation schedule of the branch will be furnished if desired.

5. Plans

Nothing to report at present.

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6. Problems

None.

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